

1 10A NCAC 14C .4003 is proposed as a temporary rule as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14C .4003 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

4 (a) An applicant proposing to develop hospice inpatient facility beds or hospice residential care facility beds shall  
5 demonstrate that:

6 (1) the average occupancy rate of the licensed hospice ~~beds~~ beds, for each level of care, in the facility  
7 is projected to be at least 50 percent for the last six months of the first operating year following  
8 completion of the project;

9 (2) the average occupancy rate for the licensed hospice ~~beds~~ beds, for each level of care, in the  
10 facility is projected to be at least 65 percent for the second operating year following completion of  
11 the project; and

12 (3) if the application is submitted to address the need for a hospice residential care ~~facility, beds,~~ each  
13 existing hospice residential care facility which is located in the hospice service area ~~and which has~~  
14 ~~licensed hospice beds of the type proposed by the applicant attained~~ operated at an occupancy rate  
15 of at least 65 percent for the 12 month period reported on that facility's most recent Licensure  
16 Renewal Application Form.

17 (b) An applicant proposing to add hospice inpatient facility beds to an existing hospice inpatient facility ~~or hospice~~  
18 ~~residential care facility~~ shall document that the average occupancy of the licensed hospice inpatient ~~and hospice~~  
19 ~~residential care~~ facility beds in its existing facility was at least 65 percent for the nine months immediately preceding  
20 the submittal of the proposal.

21 (c) An applicant proposing to add residential care beds to an existing hospice residential care facility shall  
22 document that the average occupancy of the licensed hospice residential care beds in its existing facility was at least  
23 65 percent for the nine months immediately preceding the submittal of the proposal.

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26 *Temporary Adoption Eff. February 1, 2006;*  
27 *Eff. November 1, 2006.*